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## **CAPITALISM:**

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OR WITHOUT HIM**

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# RECIPE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSIN

## VIOLENCE

The present media appear to promote acts of violence through publicity when reporting news and TV transmission of violence in its own right. Other sources generally propagate violence promoting property base on violence but to argue themselves into a corner. They promote the legal violence necessary to protect the profits interests of their clients, both against worker resistance trying to raise their poverty and international business competition for markets, waterways and trade routes. The owners of the earth shall not be shocked at their annual take to be used for their various armed states.

At the same time they build their cases of the indispensable order of crime demagogued workers who transmit the justification of violence into personal vengeance against political figure heads who are blamed for social problems.

The very foundation of this system is set on the violation of the interests of 90 percent of society so that the top 10 percent may live in luxury and domination. Profit cannot be created without the owning minority appropriating surplus or unpaid labor during the production process which pays the "ordinary" people only for their skills which have been consumed. Exploitation naturally brings about objection, if not to the process, then to the resultant of the fraction of the total product that reaches the producer - and struggle ensues, sometimes leading to direct violence. Then workers compete against workers for jobs. Sellers are antagonistic to buyers. These general causes, plus many more related processes of this social rat race, result in personal aggression, murder, terrorism, etc.

The sophisticated technology that has been brought to this stage by the profit system cannot be used to benefit society. The profit prerogative has forced it to spawn forms of devastation surpassing all previous examples of inhumanity. What greater assault to human decency than nuclear weapons that wipe out workers but leave property intact, napalm bombs, flame throwers, biological warfare poison gas, etc. The contradictory desire, competitive conditions of this predatory arrangement create the hypocritical political intrigue, media moulders of minds and

propagators who support the violent system, but out of the other side of their mouths deplore the kind of violence which seems to jeopardize profits.

## ALIENATION, HUMILIATION, DESPAIR

Maclean's April 13/88 issue, posed the question of "why American assassins persuade themselves that killing their president will somehow relieve the frustrations of their towering inadequacy?" Now if Maclean's would admit that no president represents the interests of the majority, e.g. the people who have to sell their lives for their keep, it would be closer to the answer to the question that we are not sure they are sincerely asking. A towering inadequacy is largely the result of an authoritarian environment, and Maclean's then goes on to wonder if Hinckley's behavior can be "blamed on the diluted authority of family, school, church and state". Wow!

Then Brown University psychiatrist Barry Gertinkler was quoted as saying that "The guns, the Nazis (the Party which Hinckley joined for a time), the assassination attempt, all compensated for Hinckley's lack of self esteem". Lack of self esteem? - part of an authoritarian system where the masses inculcated to be nobodies whose overall function is to be producers of commodities.

Chicago psychiatrist, Lawrence Z. Freedman, "drafted a profile of a future assassin: white, male, withdrawn, a loner, no girlfriends, either married or a failure in marriage, unable to work (wage slave) steadily". In other words, an extreme degree of the condition that millions of workers find themselves in.

This assessment is supported by a University of Victoria professor reviewing a book based on the diary of an assassin found after he shot a presidential candidate.

Arthur Bremer considered himself a failure, says Barnett Singer, and his self portrait reveals him to be "a young American, and a potential kook". Loneliness and "a fantastic need for attention" tells us he wants the media to emblazon his name for the multitudes. There is an intense desire to accomplish something in life... in his diary he constantly punishes himself for wasting his

time. He wondered how "famous" would make him to knock off Nixon (Pres. Nixon). He despaired constantly about his failure in life.

Singer says, "What I stress is that this man was far from the lunatic fringe nor was he stupid. 'A mental man' could find in thousands of student diaries across the land. Hope and hopelessness, purpose and terror, optimism and manic pessimism are odd combinations. One has to conclude there are many potential assassins out there." (Times Colonist, 3/4/88). Bremer was the man who paralyzed former Alabama governor George Wallace.

Very noteworthy, the day the attempt was made on President Reagan, a joke was going the rounds in parts of Canada, that maybe Trudeau could be sent to the States, maybe he could get shot too. Average, normal workers with empty lives, and ignorance about the nature of the system that causes the problems. They consequently blame great men for their situation, after being told repeatedly by their leaders that they would solve their problems.

Professor Singer admits these murders are "society's fault" but only in part. He concludes that "just as equally they are the fault of the individual who gives in to his despair, goes beyond thousands of other fantasists and actually pulls the trigger". They should overcome their "base instincts", he says. After devoting his column to proving the causes were mainly environmental!

Aside from that laps, his conclusion is that the camel's back should not break after that last straw is added to the burden it is carrying. That these workers should overcome their "private problems" and come out on the weak side of life. A useful life producing profits for a parasite class? Expanding capital, when the means of life was developed enough to enable useful, happy lives a half century ago? And goods produced only for sale while millions go hungry, and competing for markets, with nuclear weapons?

Of course individuals can change their social environment, making a life worthwhile for all, by combining with other individual workers, to learn the nature of this barbaric social arrangement and acting politically to change it. Professor Singer seems to be alienated from that concept.



*was written before Mitterrand, the "Socialist" was elected as the figurehead of French capitalism. There has been nothing to indicate any basic change in French foreign policy.*

## French Foreign Policy

French foreign policy at least has the merit of not being hypocritical. The French government quite openly and frankly pursues a foreign policy designed to secure markets and sources of raw materials, to such an extent that those who imagine that a capitalist State could have any other kind of foreign policy call it "cynical".

French foreign policy in the Middle East can be summed up in three letters: O-I-L. Not having any equivalent of North Sea Oil and with a coal industry in decline, France is more dependent than equivalent European States like Britain and Germany on importing the energy to run its power stations and industry. In order to curry the favour of the Arab oil producers France has since 1967 favoured the Arab side in the Arab-Israeli conflict (after, of course, taking part with Britain in the raid on Suez in 1956). It has even gone so far as to ban French diplomats of Jewish origin from service in Arab countries.

Every time the President, Giscard d'Estaing, visits French colonies in the Pacific Ocean he takes the opportunity to stop off on the way in one or other of the Gulf States to discuss oil supplies for France with the local sheik. Earlier this year the Prime Minister, Raymond Barre, was photographed smiling and shaking hands with his counter-part in Iraq, Saddam Hussein, who a few weeks later had a number of army officers and Ministers put up against a wall and shot. No hypocritical expression of concern for human rights by the French government. In fact France has since supplied Iraq with material which could allow it later to develop its own H-bomb. When the Mad Mullah of Qom, the Ayatollah Khomeini, sought a refuge to wage his holy war against the Shah after being expelled from Iraq, the French government obligingly found him a chateau on the outskirts of Paris. This time it even really turned out that, in their searching for oil supplies, they had backed the right horse — unlike on a previous occasion when they supported the ill-fated breakaway of oil-rich Biafra from Nigeria.

In Africa in fact, France regards the French-speaking countries there as its private hunting-ground, including the ex-Belgian Congo now called Zaïre. This latter has led to rivalry with Belgium and to the spectacle a few years ago of the race between French and Belgian paratroops to rescue the whites of Kolwezi. Most of the rulers of these States are more or less French puppets which France deposes at will, as has happened in Mauretania, in Chad and more recently in Central Africa where the overthrow of the blood-thirsty emperor Bokassa was entirely engineered from Paris. Bokassa, who had many times been received by President Giscard and his wife in Paris and who had reciprocated by allowing them to go safari-hunting in his empire (and whose farcical coronation was broadcast in all seriousness live and in full on French television), probably feels that his masters have treated him badly. But, in personally taking part in a massacre of schoolchildren who refused to wear the uniforms he had decreed, he went too far and became a liability. He had therefore to go and was replaced by his cousin after French paratroopers had invaded the country.

The one energy resource that France does have which its European neighbours don't is uranium, but not enough to supply both its atom bombs (a decision to develop a French Neutron-bomb has just been announced) and its ambitious programme of nuclear power stations. Both the Central African Empire/Republic and Chad have uranium resources. In Mauretania it is iron ore . . . and so on.

French foreign policy, in other words, far from being cynical and immoral, is very realistic and normal for this capitalist world in which we live.

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### As We Live Out Our Hurdle, Other Empty Lives

So went part of a statement of CFMS Victoria radio last April 12th. The workers, and those who own little or no capital and therefore must produce profits for those who do, or a majority of them, must think there is no solution to the boredom and degradation that characterizes most of their days. This attitude colours the style of media reports on those who decide to end it all.

From Vancouver on Sept. 8th, came a report that two small children and their mother were in hospital after being saved from fatal drug overdose by a hotel clerk who wondered why the two lively boys were still in bed at noon. On being checked, the room was littered with pills and the three unconscious victims of capitalism.

The clerk said "police told him it was a good thing he checked the room, because in another half hour the people in there would all be dead."

So it seems that a new tinkering with effects is about to be added to the lung list, which includes policemen who know how long it takes people to die from the effects of certain pills, and that is about hotel clerks, keeping a wary eye open for lodgers who can no longer tolerate the misery of this system. It was not reported whether the mother thought her rescue was "a good thing". No doubt she is being anesthetized with other drugs while in the hospital before being turned out to face again the dehumanized environment of capital expansion.

Such nonchalant reporting by newspaper workers about the tragedies of their fellow workers is due partly to the mystery about the nature of society and partly to their conditioning which regards property to be more important than humans, aside from enough workers maintained to keep property properly accumulating in the hands of the dominant few.

A Sept. 10th report bore this out, as the veteran Vancouver police boat 99 began its last day of regular service by running aground for the first time in its 15 year career. "The 10 metre cruiser was answering a suicide call when it failed to clear a reef off Ferguson Point." More was recounted about the boat and its rescue from the rocks, but nothing more about the suicide, not even statistics, which capitalism is so good at, about when, how, where. Political ignorance breeds a fatalistic outlook, such as Sept. 1st., cross page headline describing a new game which said: "Can't Win This Game - It's Too Much Like Life."

The attitude of course is more majority awareness about the social swamp.



## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO FRIEDMAN

Formidable Dr. Milton Friedman of the "Chicago School" of Economists is one of the easiest pushovers in the business. He is the economics guru of the Monetarist policy.

Even if socialists limit themselves merely to debating him on his own grounds and narrow logic it is no trouble to expose him as a champion of totally discredited capitalism. Throughout all its phases of economic free trade or protection, inflation or deflation, depression or expansion of trade, the individual human is judged socially mainly, or even only, by the marketable commodities which he or she have to buy and sell. Under any combination of the above six conditions of political economy the working class have only commodity labour-power to sell. And in its turn buys commodities, food, clothing, shelter and extra comforts in proportion to wages received. Beyond this exchange, the working class is a non-existence from the viewpoint of Dr. Friedman and the entire pro-capital school.

The principle aim of Friedman is to cure the ills of current inflation. "But monetarism is concerned with the basic injury of inflation" (1) - a purely fictional capitalist problem. Just what is the Monetarist policy? Is it merely anti-inflation? Or does it intend to become inflation in reverse? If the latter, how far back down the inflationary ladder does it intend to retreat and where to stop? Perhaps even as far back to the gold-standard era of \$133.33 notes once more becoming the token value of 1 oz. of 22 carat gold.

To him the golden age of monetarism is divided into two neat sections (a) From the early 1800's till its end, and (b) 1928, before the depression (1). Thus does he annually whip over any square World War 1, the 1929-39 world depression, and World War 2. During these three catastrophic periods capitalism was being unchallenged the flag of monetarist policy.

## GOLD &amp; 8 NOTES

Perhaps many like these passages know policy of inflation.

ned such wide and accelerating appeal in the decades following the mid 1930's when inflation first slowly began.

In being caught up with the boggy of inflation and the whirlwind of 8 notes Friedman seems unaware of the underlying basics of his own policy and no awareness of the science of economics which he claims to vigorously defend. His obsession seems to be that it is "better" to pay, or to receive (in payment), fewer, rather than more token \$ notes for every commodity bought and sold. Inflation of prices, or otherwise, (other factors remaining constant) corresponds to the falling or rising token value of the dollar as below revealed.

	EARLY 1938	ROOSEVELT Inflation	1940 1941	1942 1943	1944 1945
(2) No. of U.S. 8 Notes per oz. of 22 carat gold	21	26	316	416	600
Value of each U.S. 8 on early 1938 basis	120 cents	96 cents	66 cents	28 cents (approx.)	62 cents
(1) No. of U.S. 8 notes to equal early 1938 basis	81	81.66	815	640.04 (approx.)	824 (approx.)

Throughout most of the 20th century America is the world's mightiest industrial, scientific, and commercial nation and the universal trend setter. Its movement into inflation of money was deliberate and not one of the sporadic results of military defeat, industrial destruction, social chaos and of foreign occupation as happened to many other countries, particularly of Europe. But even here the flight on the wings of inflation away from the monetarist system never solved the inherent limitations, creating frustrations and very real danger of capitalism. It is rather like replacing the chain of very long links by a chain of many more shorter links but still retaining the overall chain length.

In both cases, the chained up dog or worker has no more or less freedom than before the change over.

Just as practical inflation in no manner solved working-class problems neither will a possible return to the "ideal" of monetarism.

What appears to be merely a crisis of money (either too much or too little) is, in reality a crisis in the whole world of commodities, (either too few or too many). Thus is upset the profit making incentive and a resultant slowing down of capital investment and expansion.

So little does Friedman understand his own case that he asks his N.Z. readers to accept December 1971 as the

base line for price level of 400. By December 1970 prices had increased to 1283 an increase of 258% (Actual N.Z. Listener figures on this are 168% but here surely is a misprint). If he used the calculating method on the above table he could have shown in a more spectacular persuasive manner the rate of inflation to have been increased 2400% since the middle of 1930's but still have the event to the nature and direction of the movement of capitalist development. But then he exactly compounds with Oscar Wilde's definition of an economist: "An economist is someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing" (1). While this is not only a true of Friedman it certainly is not true of Karl Marx who most thoroughly analyses the value of commodities.

Friedman's monetarist policy may be adopted by Governments around the world, (as was Keynes policy of inflation over the past 40 years). He, (Friedman), may have appeal as a 'unionable' advocate giving voice to social reaction against the over-significance of inflation as the basic cause of falling living standards, unemployment, and difficulties, etc.

## MARX ON GOLD AND TOKENS

Friedman displays total ignorance of (a) GOLD - its significance as basic support upon which depends the token value of the \$, and (b) Labour theory of value and socially necessary Labour Time as the measure of the intangible value of gold and all other commodities, comments Marx on this subject.

"The token of value, any a piece of paper, which functions as a gold coin, represents the quantity of gold indicated by the name of the coin, and is thus a token of value. (Marx' own stress). The gold token represents value in so far as a definite quantity, because it is materialized labour-time, possesses a definite value. But the amount of value which the token represents depends in each case upon the value of the quantity of gold represented by it." - page 115(4).

"Because the pieces of paper have a legal rate of exchange, it is impossible to prevent the State from thrusting any arbitrarily chosen number of them into circulation and to imprint upon them at will any one monetary denomination such as \$1, \$5, \$20" (1960 or even any \$500, page 119(4)). (The \$ sign here has replaced Marx's use of the R sign).

Further we note

"Nature no more produces money than it does bankers or a rate of exchange - Gold and silver are not by nature money, but money consists by its nature of gold and silver." Page 119(4).

FRIEDMAN  
AND  
MARX

Tremendous as are the differences between Friedman and Marx, there are some areas of agreement: (a) Both note that governments alone are

responsible for inflation. Production, trading and even banking Corporations and Companies on the one hand, on the other, are in no manner responsible for increasing the supply of paper \$'s. All the huffing and puffing by Governments and Prime Ministers doesn't in any way alter this fact. (b) Both agree too that economics is a science. But in vastly different degrees of awareness, as to practical and theoretical, political and social significance of almost every aspect of this science.

FRIEDMAN AND  
HOME OWNERSHIP

Recently on T.V. Friedman made comment on home ownership in New Zealand. In order to provide a popular example for his sponsorship of the virtues of free enterprise he seems to have previously tuned into the euphoric claims on this subject long prevailing in this country. Booming confidently he fed it back to his N.Z. viewers, the myth of home ownership as ranging between 70% and 75%. Cabinet Minister Jim McLay also gets himself into the act by quoting home ownership figures in N.Z. to be 66%.

Figures from the Year Book (1) show only 27.8% (page 487) of the Permanent private dwellings (P.P.D.) to be "Owned without Mortgage". Obviously then non-home ownership in this sense of dwelling must be 72.4%. To this latter figure must be added 1% more when taking into account the 180,000 people who do not live in P.P.D. This totals 73.4%. These 180,000 people live in caravans, motels, hotels, guest houses, boarding, lodging houses, education and other institutions. P. 488(5).

Ownership in the total sense of N.Z. "dwellings" then is reduced from 27.8% above indicated to 28.8%. Milton Friedman figures of between 70% - 75% apply not to home ownership but to non-home-ownership in N.Z. And these proportions are closely identical with every 5 yearly census figures right through from 1951.

Further reports on this subject come from President Reagan when in a grim television message, warning father of 815 youngsters and

"Boaring" interest rates has shattered the dreams of millions of families and only one in 7 families could afford to buy a new home." (2).

This is exactly 2.4 times the amount of falling interest rates in 1929-30 world depression. Both movements of interest rates are so barometer readings of the fluctuating pressures of profit hungry capitalism.

If only one in 7 families could afford to buy a new home, obviously means that 7% of the N.Z. population, i.e., the working class are excluded from owning new homes or nearly their percentage from owning any homes at all.

So much for America or any other free enterprise so much for thoroughly distorted capitalism as ardently defended by Dr. Milton Friedman.

In reality everywhere, the modern wage labour class have not the houses, shelter, they due and shelter from the elements of nature. Similarly, soldiers can not the barracks wherein they are lodged and undergo training nor do prisoners own the State and County jails where they are bearded, fed and exercised.

In conclusion, exclusion from ownership of property in its most elementary and essential modern form of "permanent private dwellings" and "new homes" then ranges from 72% in N.Z. to 94% in United States of America. And this applies right across all wage-labour nations.

Ownership of property is exclusively a ruling class privilege in the 19th century and today it is backed up by the State lobby if possible, surely it is a privilege.

(1) N.Z. Listener, Vol. 26 No. 3552 (2) On the 3rd September 1970 N.Z. Herald was hysterical on the money markets of the world the example used by Marx to illustrate the effects of 8 fold inflation. Page 35 "Crises of Political Economy" E. Marx, Moscow, Publication 1970.

(3) World gold market prices over the last several months rose above and fell below the \$1000 price level several times.

(4) "Crises of Political Economy" E. Marx 1970 Moscow (5) Marx

(6) N.Z. Official Year Book 1960.

(7) N.Z. Herald 1st Feb 1961.

(8) Auckland Star 22nd June 1961.



DAMNED IF THEY DO AND DAMNED IF THEY DON'T  
THOSE HIGH INTEREST RATES

At the same, with 625 firms giving smaller each month and the tens of workers demonstrating on Parliament Hill about how renewal house mortgage rates some authorities are admitting that the high interest rate is causing the high interest rate, which in turn is basically caused by the federal government's generation of currency in relation to

Two sources, however, are still hanging on to some of the fiction, namely, Governor of the Bank of Canada, Gerald Bouley and chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, Paul Volcker. Bouley says that for finance ministers to realize a real return on their loans, the interest rate must exceed the inflation rate. Many sources, however, say rising prices are caused by the government issuing too much currency and printing or paying government debts, etc. through Bank of Canada printed notes. Bouley still clings to the old fashioned myth that high prices are caused by "money" and producing enough for the high wages that receive money they have too much money, causing too few jobs and too much.

the central bank wants to limit the growth of the money supply to between 4 and 5 percent a year. This will help ensure interest rates are at levels sufficient to exert a moderating influence on the growth rate of total spending and thereby on the rate of increase of prices and costs. (James Callaghan, 1981). What is the monetary strategy, then, and just what the "monetary" strategy, mechanism, of inflation is, behind the interest rates.

The recent inflation rate has risen to 12 and 13 percent. It is feared that the nationalized bank has not been able to "control" it, and this situation, largely as a result of a 4 percent increase in the rate to put smaller amounts of dollar bills into circulation, is due to government's restrictive policy and unwilling to free the economy. Government officials have tried to do more than enough to reduce these restrictions that all parties for a while have. According to the French records, it is always full of an average of the dollar's value.

Interest rates now include not only the market inflation level but the general feeling about what inflation will be like in the months ahead. Obviously the moneyed wretches who sit back and watch their piastre pile in effrontery have been stung by some of their bond or stock interest rates being overtaken by devalued dollars. And/or they have some assurance that the government's avoidance of capital is to continue.

But due to their limited knowledge of the system which uses them, Canadian workers have allowed themselves to be deceived into another damned-if-they-do and damned-if-they-don't situation. The government's Bowser has told them to allow to lower wages but produce more to reduce inflation, or he will keep interest rates high, but on the other hand allow more paper money which causes more inflation and higher interest, which causes workers to struggle for higher monetary wages. He can never to have a valid excuse. Bowser and Trudeau can sit back and say to the workers (that is all people who have to work for a wage or salary, to live) "O.K. if you want to believe that way, you'll have to live the consequences, it's not our fault." They do pretend to be Friedman, but are probably more Keynesian in their monetary policy, certainly for the same reasons as before, to "stimulate the economy" with real wages, and therefore cause more debts of citizens. For instance, MacLennan's NRB report that

The parity between 1970 and 1974 saw a doubling of the money supply to finance a massive capital outflow, particularly an external government and public service structure.

There is a hope that has been im-  
proved for years and explored every  
possibility of action and now returns  
to the great workers of work world  
in the hope, the day of returning to  
the great standard of living increased in the  
U.S.A. to a level out of the depression  
and high interest rates. This means  
that property would be legally con-  
vertible to the great representatives. And  
it would mean that the U.S. Central  
Bank and Federal Reserve Board  
would no longer have "the ability  
to create money at will" (Times-  
Colonist 23/8/80).

The same source estimates that the total worldwide stocks of gold dollars and dollar obligations are estimated at about \$1 trillion. U.S. gold holdings are 286 million ounces. At this ratio, the price of gold would have to be priced at over thousand dollars an ounce to equal the dollars in circulation.

And of the various forms of gold standards, the one being the most serious consideration is one which would give only 40 percent backing to the Federal Reserve's total liabilities, which is not really being on the standard. But either way would not be a solution to the fluctuations in the general appreciation and depreciation of the great majority. After all, the U.S. was on the gold standard during the last world depression under Roosevelt, when workers could afford a 3 percent interest rate on homes or farms. At that time the solution was the opposite, e.g. get off the gold standard and develop currency. That didn't solve it either.



Changes in government military policies do nothing to solve it and the same holds true for money wages price fixation etc. Money is the only thing that can restore growth, because of its ability to put income back in circulation, maintaining a constant flow of reasonable needs.

## HIGH-INTEREST RATES

Their position is merely to sustain their salaries, which they sell to their masters. The fact that workers need a surmise on future wages to promote the acceptance of lessening their country of the present, points to the basic economic wisdom, whether interest rates are high or low, and whether inflation is high or low. If workers were not forced to buy homes by taking out mortgages in the first place, the present sagging in high interest rates would not be a crisis.

Canadian consumer debt rose in 1987, but not before 1987 when it was raised for anyone to charge more than 5 percent interest. Last June, Switzerland's inflation rate was 8 percent, Macdon's 2.8-3.0, because the government has not been so heavily affected by a great extent. But when or one would assume that Switzerland's population was not made up of two classes of people, one which had everything, and the other the poverty which has financially suffered.

The Canadian Labor Congress has announced plans for a massive demonstration against the government and its high interest rates, and the CIO's national leader is warning manufacturers to the same end. Both activities are worthy, warning being to make a dream come true. The federal politicians have the word of most of those disappointed workers in their earlier hours.

NEW PAMPHLET  
 Seven Aspects of  
 MARXIAN ECONOMICS

A collection of articles published by  
the Socialist Party of Great Britain  
since 1920, mostly in the  
*Struggle* & *Standard*.

Figure 2

From: **United States**  
 Secretary: **James M. Smith**  
 Date: **1900**  
 Volume: **1**  
 Page: **1**

## IN THE NEWS

## RCMP WRONG DOING

The planning of ACAP among going in the early 70's revealed by the McDonald commission have brought out a review of and indication for former Northern Jack Pinsky in his exposure in 1971.

After resigning, he had persons and articles about the situation concerning the RCMP, and remained as he says "a 19th century mentality" something that he, like the "law", a high incidence of suspicion and suicide, and insistence on dedication to the force above all else even above the interests of Canada and its "members be and suffer from the leadership, hands democracy in contrast: they fear and despise the democratic process." (Maclean's, June 6/77)

Former corporal Farley had in his apparently planned little knowledge of Canadian history and understands less about the nature of the predatory society. There is no shortage of evidence to show that police exist for the purpose of protecting the property of the rich and powerful, mainly against attacks from elements of the poor majority.

As forces they impose the un-  
popular laws of property, intended to  
be they are tyrants of the property  
less majority, always because they are  
aware of no other possible social  
arrangement. As organizations that  
have to be detrimental to the whole  
same as the military or they would not  
be much use to the rulers of society.  
Justice forces cannot be expected to  
have much regard for even the salu-  
tion of the democratic principle of  
capitalism. The national interest of  
course is only a cover to conceal the  
capitalist interest. With such dis-  
tinction between forces and what are  
moral considerations, from the top  
forces and compliance being a part of  
everyday relations it is hardly sur-  
prising that dishonesty is a frequent  
stone of world society. And this the  
conditions of living would promote  
dishonesty.

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people. Be sure to make the  
other side in Canada. Education  
to the end of building the  
and not be and to support the  
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people. And it's a

in the early days of the war. The book covers the role of the American and foreign press in the history of the United States, including the role of the press in the development of the United States and the role of the press in the development of the United States.

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**FULCRUM PROMOTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Take 10 eggs & use 12. LCH is what  
and distribute them all eggs around and  
around. One night, looking after the  
the other one. In this way you can find  
part in the spread of various specimens.

And the bill is for a one \$10 per year.  
 Add to a one \$10 per year.  
 P.O. Box 1000 San 4  
 Houston, TX 77001



# CAPITALISM'S DOLLAR ECOLOGY

"Alberta has no intention of becoming the dumping ground for the deadliest wastes of other provinces," Alberta Environment Minister Jack Cookson said in the *Edmonton Journal*, April 22nd. And the chairman of the Environment Council of Alberta said the proposal was "absolutely daff."

A report by the federal environmental department suggested that a crown corporation be set up to handle the hazardous wastes of Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. The treatment center to be located in Alberta to "minimize transportation of wastes" or, without the camouflage, to cut costs and increase the profitability of the commodities that produce them deadly by-products.

It should come as no surprise that the government that governmental authorities really refer to is the one that is best for profits, or why would the Environment Council of Alberta suggest building a disposal center for Alberta's industrial poisons near Edmonton, where about 70% of the province's hazardous wastes are produced.

With it would cut into profits to haul it long distances from the vicinity of the workers who were exploited in the process of producing commodities for their employer-masters. Edmonton is one of the two largest cities. It is customary for capitalism to herd wage-slaves into immense and sickening concentrations, for healthy balance sheets.

It is bad enough that this system forces the production of toxicants along with profitable commodities for sale, but in many cases it leaves these poisons on the workers' doorsteps, relatively speaking.

It is natural for elected politicians, whose job is to support the ruling class, on behalf of the owning minority, to seize any opportunity that presents itself to pretend to be the champion of all the people. And Jack Cookson rose to the occasion when he painted the federal government and other provinces as wicked men, waiting to enhance their well-being at the expense of the health of the people of Alberta.

## CAPITALISM TOLERATES NO SOCIAL INTEREST

A wildlife photographer who wanted to preserve the natural history of a wilderness park probably had his education about the nature of present society improved. He filed suit against two provincial cabinet ministers for allowing hunting of caribou and moose in the Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park. He "claimed the ministers were duty bound to preserve wildlife in the public for the benefit of the public." (*Victoria Times*, Sept. 2nd, 1971).

The judge upheld objections by counsel for the two ministers (Environment, Rafe Mair and Parks, Jim Chabot) who argued that the wildlife photographer "... as a member of the public has no proprietary or monetary interest." And therefore no say.

Since the provincial government owns most of the land area, in the name of the whole capitalist class of B.C., and since cabinet ministers, as is the case with governments, legislate in the interests of the capitalist class, the photographer-nature-lover was not being audacious in launching his suit. Merely naive politically, in believing the capitalist nonsense that governments function for society.

Parks, which make up one or two per cent of the land area, are places where workers can improve the profitability of the work they do for their employer-masters, by getting some escape into peace and quiet occasionally. They are not to be used in any way detrimental to the property interest of the owning class.

An instance noted in *FULCRUM* No. 3, 4/74 involved a group who slept in a federal government owned house situated in the Pacific Rim National Park, they were arrested and jailed. "How can a federal building be private property?" complained their spokesman in court.

Over the years, "transients" and "squatters" have been chased off "public" land for trying to live on it without paying rent or purchasing the space from the private owners. As Socialists have been saying, the workers own little, beyond their productive abilities. What goes on in society is what serves the owning class.

## Aid The Children By Polluting the Beaches And Sending Their Parents to Jail.

OTTAWA (CP)—Parents who allow their children to swim at any of the city beaches closed because of pollution could face fines of up to \$500, one year in jail or both, says an official of the Ottawa-Carlton Children's Aid Society.

(*Victoria Times*, 4/7/74).

Cesspools of capitalism in the Capital City.

## HEALTHY PROFITS VIA DISEASED HORSEMEAT

It is fairly obvious that the economic laws of capitalism operate in anti-human ways. A contemporary example is the increase in the processing and sale of diseased or contaminated horsemeat for human consumption.

The rising price of beef, with the drop in real wages endured by some workers has made horsemeat a no-choice alternative. Since the horsemeat industry's post war decline, only old or crippled animals of no use as draft, show or riding animals have been slaughtered for pet food and some European and Asian human consumption.

But now the estimate is that 150,000 — almost half of all Canadian horses, plus some U.S. imports, will be butchered for dollars. Many of them being healthy, young equines, despite the protestations of horse lovers. They are "worth more dead than alive," (*Maclean's*, 14/7/80). With an average weight of half a ton per horse at 70 cents a pound, Alaska Processors of Edmonton for instance, grosses \$15 million annually.



But this is merely part of the story. A Toronto retailer says his horsemeat commodity is tasty and contains more protein than beef. Pointing out that Italians and French people eat it raw with lemon, he said "it's good for you." However, most food under world capitalism arrives in stores and restaurants as products of human labor produced for sale/profit primarily. Usability takes second place. With today's world slump in the profit economy, and with the horsemeat commodity being related to all others, it is affected by the recession related shortage of government food inspectors. "The health of slaughter bound horses is usually determined by no more than visual inspection. Even cancerous horses have their tumors judged in malignant or benign by eye alone." "One in two horses used to be rejected by some inspectors. Today

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## MANKIND: THE IMITATOR AND INNOVATOR

Richard E. Leakey and Roger Lewin together delve deep into our organic origins and bring us right up to date, as far as naturalists can go, in their attractive jointly produced volume, (complete with technicolor illustrations, charts and photos), titled "Origins."

One of the many vital strands by which *Homo Sapiens*, (that's us), raised themselves above their surrounding contemporary cousins was tool-making-using technology.

### STONE-AGE TOOLMAKING TECHNOLOGY

It is suggested that this may have an elementary beginning about 12,000,000 years ago. And indeed the main concern of this book "Origins" on this point, is to learn just "when" and "which" of our ancestors began tool-making. But nowhere does there seem to be any curiosity as to "how" this may have begun, or what "inspired" such an activity.

Preceding the origins of tool-making, we learn from this same book, that organic nature had its origins about 1000 million years ago. And has been gathering tangible momentum and diversity every 1200 million years or so since. This trend continues until 250 million years ago when the first primitive mammal appears. Then about 70 million years ago there appeared the modern mammals and first primates. From these evolved the First Hominids about 25 million years ago.

Now among the infinite variety of distractions offered by Full Flowering nature, in full view of our humanoid ancestors were, (a) spiders spinning

their silver webs, birds flying overhead, and (b) the Egyptian Vultures of the desert and the mussel or clam eating oyster where serving their own survival purpose by using stone tools.

The vultures by picking up stones, with its beak and crashing them down onto thick shelled ostrich eggs thereby smashing them, (the latter), and then feeding upon the exposed contents. In a different manner again, but with similar basic materials the clam eating oyster dives down through the water to pick up thick shelled clams and two suitable stones then floating on its back, and using one stone as an anvil laying on its chest, and the other as a hammer the oyster pounded to pieces the clam's protective shell and then feasted from the exposed clam flesh. Whereas the imitation to the activities of (a) were beyond the "copyist" abilities of our ancestors, those of (b) were readily adaptable and perhaps even became competitive with the animals concerned. From mere copying, improvements relatively speedily could take place.

"Relative Speed" in the case of our hominid Forebearers possibly could mean 2-6 millions of years before they could pass over from mere imitative actions to deliberate innovative tool-making activities for the purpose of creating sharp flints. Even so descendants of group (a) and (b) still are with us today still using the same old techniques.

A national parallel to this tribal exo-revolution is Japan. For nearly a century since 1845 Japan's pitiful early attempts at mere imitation of "Western" Technology earned for itself world wide contempt. But by the 2nd World War Japan clearly had moved over from imitation to innovation, and broadly speaking, has continued doing so ever since, to the concern, alarm, praise and admiration of her "Western" Teachers.

Finally, paradoxically maybe the puzzle of the elementary "how" of stone age technology is unwittingly, unexpectedly revealed to the world wide audience of homo-sapiens through the most popular — most modern technology — the television technique nature study series.

Peter Hurey  
Socialist Party of New Zealand

### DIVIDE AND RULE

Just discarded with an old logger, who agreed that the class of capitalists, generally divorced as they are today from all processes of production and administration, are parasites. But he insisted that some categories of the non-productive part of the workforce were bigger parasites and therefore enemies of that part of the labor force that produced goods and services. The buying, selling, banking, insurance, religious, propaganda, war weapon production, etc. service industries which are essential to keep the system going are not likely to be manned by the beneficiaries of capitalism. So a section of the exploited class indulges for the same reason as other workers, they are compelled to sell their life force to survive. (Luxe Betty Hem of Prince George whose winning ticket in the Provincial Lottery made her a millionaire and left her employer without a book keeper).

The old logger insisted that dead men, with their nice uniforms and raincoats to wear on their 3 day week routes, receive higher wages than choker men who help haul logs out of the woods, and because of this they are bigger parasites than the capitalists who do nothing and own everything.

When the late Paul Getty's 1944's monthly of \$11,000.00 per hour, night and day, plus weekends (while Paul lolled in his English castle) was mentioned, the logger replied: "Oh, that's just easy." Easy or not, Getty's position was not fiction. Getty was a member of a class that toils not. It merely owns and controls. The owner's longevity will not be threatened by this old faller whose back was injured through years of packing and handling a chain saw for the owners' profit, and who has been conditioned into thinking the enemy is not the capitalist class nor the system but other members of his own class.

### CRIME

The extent to which the capitalist class functions as a duocrat for global rulers persists in proportion to its political ignorance. The understanding of the cause of CRIME, and its place in this society is an important part of understanding capitalism as a whole.

Mart said that "Crime, by every new means of attack against property, calls into being equally new means to defend it, and thus exercises an influence quite as productive as strikes on the inter-entangling of machines."

Our U.S. Companion Party put out an issue of its WESTERN SOCIALIST predominantly devoted to the subject of crime. Titles of articles are: Categories of Crime, Crime In The U.S.S.R., Crime & Punishment, Human Nature, and the Human Condition. Essential reading. See

they're relaxing a bit because the meat is so expensive (profitable). They cut out some of the cancerous areas and if it looks passable it goes on. Now we're only losing one in 10." (Horsedealer & meat buyer, same issue of Maclean's).

When beef was lower priced it seems that only some old age pensioners formed the human part of horsemeat consumers, in the form of petfood. (Aside from some European consumers in the form of steaks and hamburgers). They took a 2 to 1 chance of consuming diseased meat. Now when workers pay \$1.49 for restaurant horseburger or eat equine filet mignon for \$3.99 per pound, the risk rises to 10 to 1. The only guarantee of health of course is in the profits.

And "economic feasibility" grand"



## CORRESPONDENCE

### WHY DON'T YOU SAY WHAT SOCIALISM MEANS?

**Editorial Response**

What is the use in sending me the *Fulcrum*? I cannot read it as to whether or not it is useful because you do not explain in your paper that Socialism does not mean Government or State ownership or State Bureaucracy as in U.S.S.R. At least S.L.P. does have the foresight to explain what socialism should and does mean. People will not read anything labeled Socialist for they believe it is U.S.S.R. propaganda. All Socialist groups should be reforming leaders that their party is not in any way aligned with U.S.S.R. state ownership that is, if you want people to read your paper.

F. Worrell  
Burnaby, B.C.

**REPLY**

We cannot agree. For instance, the previous issue of *Fulcrum* described Socialist society on page 2, under the title "Capitalism and Socialism, Contrasted" saying: "All institutions of state, violence, punishment, and government will be non-existent. There will be no governors and no governed. Government is distinguished by us from administration. Capitalism produces government over people, under Socialism you will have the administration of things, not people."

The *Fulcrum* appeal is made to the working class, who have the mental ability, logic and scientific capability to not only produce and distribute everything in capitalism, but also to run the system from top to bottom, as they do, for their capitalist masters.

People who can do these things can also penetrate the misrepresentations and lies put out by the agents of the earth's rulers, and can certainly deduce that if there is no government in Socialist society, there will be no government ownership, (nationalization) of the means of life.

It is understandable that the Socialist S.L.P. (Socialist Labor Party) on the other hand, would find it necessary to insist that it does not stand for nationalization in each issue of its journal when it describes its industrial union framework for administering society with a central industrial union for the whole nation. In addition to the denial of the reality

of the global village size of the earth, the S.L.P.'s social goal also restricts access to wealth by "workers" to labor earnings. If consumption to satisfy needs is not allowed and if a lot of people are still workers, the connotation is going to be that there will still be a working class, which will mean that its opposite will still be around, the capitalist class and therefore capitalism, state and/or private. Further more, the last time we saw S.L.P. literature, they were referring to the U.S.S.R. as, yes, a state bureaucracy rather than state capitalism. In addition to having a non-Socialist objective, they seem to be unable to recognize capitalism in some parts of the world. It is essential to know what capitalism is before one can realize generally what Socialist society will be.

The same *Fulcrum* article also said: "Under Socialism, the state will no longer exist..." and "...goods and services will be produced solely for use to satisfy the needs of the population, ...and money will have been completely eliminated..." etc. Implying no state coercion.

The same issue on another page exposed the N.D.P. as being in favor of state capitalism. It had a graphic illustration of nationalized parks being private property in reality, it included another piece dissecting the wages system and urged its abolition in favor of free access. Since the wages system includes the nationalized form of private ownership, it is logical to assume that the absence of the wages system would mean the absence of all other aspects of capitalism, including state ownership.

The issue of the *Fulcrum* before that, had dealt with the N.D.P., an article on Russia's Aeroflot airline referred to state capitalism there, an excerpt from a *Western Socialist* of 47 years ago referred to the nationalization-minded C.C.F. as being capitalist and another article described the national interest as being a capitalist interest.

Furthermore, the caption under the *SOCIALIST FULCRUM* line on the front cover of each issue is for the purpose of trying to differentiate us in the casual observer from the multitude of organizations who use the word "Socialist" to conceal their pro-capitalist aims. And to encourage him or her to read further, one or two S.F.C. members think a different caption

would be better, some think none. We do the best we can and are always open to suggestions for improvement.

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## Letters

to the Editor

### DAVID LEWIS - ANTI-SOCIALIST

NCP leaders and the media have used the death of David Lewis to reinforce the ideology of this messy wage-price-profit system. And indeed, David would have had it that way. Notable was "David Lewis: A history of Canadian nationalism," *Times-Collector*, May 25.

The Socialist Party of Canada was born in June of the same year that David Lewis had his interview with the president of the CPR for a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford. Sir Edward Beatty, then there to bid a budding ally when he received the answer from the young "nationalist," that he would not join the CPR if he ever became prime minister. The editor Sir Edward probably knew that such a response was only a form of capitalist ownership, divorced from both control of government from workers, the same rule being made in Russia, China, etc. It is not surprising that such a promising young prodigy was granted his scholarship.

Two years later, when the CCF was organized, the Socialist Party of Canada noticed that the new organization is transferred Liberals and Conservatives united. "State control and government ownership is against the interests of workers everywhere and is contrary to control." (*Western Socialist*, Oct., 1951).

If David Lewis strove to ease "the burdens of millions of workers," he shouldn't have worked to preserve the master-servant relationship in society by misleading workers into believing they have a common interest with their bosses, represented by the mask of nationalism. While strikes were going on around him, he shouldn't have agreed with NCP support of the federal government in breaking strikes or supported provincial NCP-NCP governments' strike-breaking and other actions to depress wages and raise profits.

He shouldn't have helped to retard knowledge of socialism, in the name of socialism.

## QUESTION

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The United States, that arch foe of "Communism," is prepared to supply arms to "Communist" China in order to confront "Communist" Russia. This, of course, must be necessary to protect the democratic needs of American market prospects, just as it was necessary for the U.S. to fight in Vietnam for the democratic needs of offshore oil, and then to prevent "Communist" China's expansion into the South Sea market.

At the same time the U.S. will be sending arms to Pakistan, a traditional foe of India. As such, Pakistan is in a sort of military alliance with "Communist" China and India has a similar relationship with "Communist" Russia. But both these countries, India and Pakistan, are members of the British Commonwealth, a traditional ally of the United States.

What is not clear to me is: when the long-awaited invasion of the mainland by "Nationalist China" occurs, will the U.S. arms supplied to Taiwan be sufficiently superior to the U.S. arms supplied to "Communist" China to accomplish the task? If not, in Taiwan, in frustration, likely to turn to "Communist" Russia to aid her in her fight against "Communism."

The only thing that could explain away the confusion in this matter is if the "Communist" countries were not truly Communist and if the "democratic" countries were not truly democratic. But that would mean the states and news media of the world had been lying. And that wouldn't be possible, would it?

Larry Tenner,  
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## BRIEF DIALOGUE

Aboard an aircraft of DC 9 intensity, between Edmonton and Vancouver at 32,000 feet: between a Socialist and a steward dispensing beverages to the passengers.

SOCIALIST: It's very brave of you to try to work in such a confined space. I hope your wages are high.

STEWARD: After passing out a few more drinks: Were you joking or were you serious when you said that?

SOCIALIST: I was serious. You see, workers, not knowing very much about the nature of the social system they are struggling in, impart an image of bravery while tolerating conditions that they wouldn't if they were more aware. The way people are crammed in here, the narrowness of the aisle, where passengers have to eat and drink without enough elbow room, and of the aisle where you are trying to work with your cart of beverages, all have to do with the profitability or not of the airline.

STEWARD: With information or airplanes that are most economical on fuel, etc.

SOCIALIST: But the point I want to bring up is that all goods and services are produced for sale and profit, worldwide, including such places as Russia and China.

STEWARD: I agree. However, the air is to enjoy life, right?

SOCIALIST: Right. But the 90% of the population who have to sell their skills to an employing class for a wage or a salary are not having much success at this, are they?

STEWARD: Right, they're not. SOCIALIST: The means of production and distribution will have to be owned in common and democratically controlled by all society so that they can be used for mankind.

STEWARD: I agree. SOCIALIST: Because our discussion is so limited, here are a couple of others for you. Introducing the CP, and the Object and Declaration of Principles in 1920.

STEWARD: Accepting them. Then, yes, CP. But then we have a fly locker. And the steward continued down the narrow aisles, after conversations struggled out but did not stop, implying that Canada's biggest wage capitalist airline will be a one class air. (See *Frontiers*, Vol. 1).